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Claims:-

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 A bed covering characterised in that it includes an air permeable part and a cover section at least part of which is detachable to enable ventilation to occur through said air permeable part.

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- 2. A bed covering as claimed in claim 1 wherein the air permeable part is a perforated, mesh or similar panel.
- 10 3. A bed covering as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein the air permeable part is coupled to a first warmth retention section.
 - 4. A bed covering as claimed in claim 3 wherein the air permeable part is coupled to a tuck in panel or flap.

5. A bed covering as claimed in claim 3 or 4 wherein the first warmth retention section is coupled to the air permeable part by a sheet of fabric.

- 6. A bed covering as claimed in claim 3 or 4 wherein the first warmth retention part is coupled directly to the air permeable part by being sewn or otherwise fastened thereto.
 - A bed covering as claimed in claim 6 wherein the first warmth retention part is a duvet.
 - 8. A bed covering as claimed in claim 6 wherein the duvet is within a duvet cover, the duvet cover being coupled directly to the air permeable part.

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9. A bed covering as claimed in any one of preceding claims 3 to 8 wherein the cover section is in the form of a second warmth retention part which is coupled by coupling means to the bed covering and incorporates releasable fastening means whereby the second warmth retention part is releasably fastenable to over-lie the air permeable part.

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- 10. A bed covering as claimed in claim 9 wherein the coupling means is a releasable coupling.
- 10 11. A bed covering as claimed in claim 9 or 10 wherein the second warmth retention part is arranged so that it can be rolled up when the fastening means have been released.
- 12. A bed covering as claimed 11 wherein a retention means is provided to retain
 the second warmth retention part in the rolled up state.
 - 13. A bed covering as claimed in any one of claims 9 to 12 wherein the first and second warmth retention parts are blankets.
- 20 14. A bed covering as claimed in any one of claims 9 to 12 wherein the second warmth retention part is a duvet.
 - 15. A bed covering as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 14 wherein the cover section is formed in two parts.
 - 16. A bed covering as claimed in claim 15 wherein the two parts are releasably joined together.

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- 17. A bed covering as claimed in claim 16 wherein the two parts are joined along adjacent edges by a zipper fastener.
- 18. A bed covering substantially or herein described with reference to Figures 1 to 5, or 6 or 7 and 8 of the accompanying drawings.